

IF JESUS FACED THIS...

MATTHEW 4:1-11 – ERIC SIMPSON – JANUARY 27, 2019

Matthew 4:1

Then Jesus was led by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil.

tempted = peirazo (pi-rad'-zo) = to test, to entice

"Temptation is the test that comes to a person whom God wishes to use." – William Barclay

Round 1:

Matthew 4:3-4

3 The tempter came to him and said, "If you are the Son of God, tell these stones to become bread." 4 Jesus answered, "It is written: 'Man shall not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.'"

Round 2:

Matthew 3:5-7

5 Then the devil took him to the holy city and had him stand on the highest point of the temple. 6 "If you are the Son of God," he said, "throw yourself down. For it is written: 'He will command his angels concerning you, and they will lift you up in their hands, so that you will not strike your foot against a stone.'" 7 Jesus answered him, "It is also written: 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test.'"

"God expects a man to take risks in order to be true to him, but he does not expect him to take risks to enhance his own prestige. The very faith which is dependent on signs and wonder is not faith. If faith cannot believe without sensations it is not really faith, it is doubt looking for proof and looking in the wrong place. God's rescuing power is not something to be played and experimented with, it is something to be quietly trusting in the life of every day."

– William Barclay

Round 3:

Matthew 4:8-11

8 Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendor. 9 "All this I will give you," he said, "if you will bow down and worship me." 10 Jesus said to him, "Away from me, Satan! For it is written: 'Worship the Lord your God, and serve him only.' 11 Then the devil left him, and angels came and attended him.

"What makes the temptation of power so seemingly irresistible? Maybe it is that power offers an easy substitute for the hard task of love. It seems easier to be God than to love God, easier to control people than to love people, easier to own life than to love life. Jesus asks, 'Do you love me?' We ask, 'Can we sit at your right hand and your left hand in your Kingdom?'"

– Henri Nouwen

ADULT MINISTRY

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING JANUARY 27 | 6-7:30PM

It's time for our annual meeting. If you're a member at Eagle, we encourage you to come. Childcare will be provided.

BAPTISM SUNDAY FEBRUARY 24 | 10AM

Have you made the decision to give your life to Jesus, but haven't yet been baptized? Our next Baptism Sunday is coming up and we'd love to have you be a part of it. Find out more info and sign up in the app or online at eaglechurch.com/events.

EAGLE STUDENTS

MOVIE NIGHT FEBRUARY 1 | 7-10PM | GRADE 5-8 | LOFT

Middle School students are invited to come to movie night! Please bring \$5 for snacks.

SKYZONE MARCH 31 | 4-7PM | GRADE 9-12

High School students mark your calendars! We're jumping with excitement about our evening at Skyzone and we don't want you to miss it.

CHICAGO MISSION TRIP JUNE 30-JULY 6 | GRADE 6-8

Middle School students will spend 6 days on the north side of Chicago running a soccer camp and leading local elementary students in VBS in the mornings and prayer walks in the afternoons. Register at eaglechurch.com/students by February 3

EAGLE KIDS

TODAY, JANUARY 27 - INFANT-GRADE 4 10AM | LOWER LEVEL

Eagle Kids are learning Jesus loves people and wants them to know Him.

1 Corinthians 15:58

Therefore, my dear brothers, stand firm. Let nothing move you. Always give yourselves fully to the work of the Lord, because you know that your labor in the Lord is not in vain.